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Applicants: Sommadossi *et al.*  
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Examiner : Howard V. Owens, Jr.  
  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 10, 2004

### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2004, for which a response is due January 10, 2004, with a one month extension of time, please amend the application as follows. A petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. In a Preliminary Amendment submitted June 20, 2003, claims 1-88 and 90-129 were cancelled, claim 89 was amended and claims 130-153 were added. Claims 89, 130, 131, 133-135, and 141 are amended herein. Claims 154-197 are added herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8 (a)

I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action and Petition for One Month Extension of Time, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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